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MEMORANDUM

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TO: The Commission
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THROUGH: Patrina M. Clark
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FROM: John D. Gibson
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SUBJECT: ADR 447 Peter and Magdalene Watts¹, Evergreen View Ventures, Daniel Pike, William Geyer, Sam R. Crawford, Kent Properties, LLC, 10th & McKenzie Ltd., Recommendation to Dismiss²

ADR Case: ADR 447

Source No. MUR 5946

Respondents:

1. Peter and Magdalene Watts
2. Evergreen View Ventures
3. Pike for Mayor
4. Citizens for Bill Geyer
5. Crawford for Council
6. Kent Properties, LLC
7. 10th & McKenzie, Ltd.

Respondents' Reps.:

1. Peter and Magdalene Watts
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3. Daniel Pike
4. William Geyer
5. Sam R. Crawford
6. Steven Shropshire, Esq.
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¹ At the time of circulation, the case was titled "The Peter Law Group," however, for purposes of identification, the case name has been changed to Peter and Magdalene Watts.

² The Office of General Counsel concurs in the description of this matter.

Complainant: Todd Donovan

Committees Names:
Citizens for Bill Geyer
Crawford for Council
Pike For Mayor

Date Complaint Filed: 10/16/2007

Committee Type: local campaign committees

Date Forwarded to ADRO: 1/28/08

District #/or State: Washington State local elections

Election – Won/Lost: N/A

Election Cycle: November 2007

Issues:

- Contributions by foreign nationals 2 U.S.C. § 441e, 11 C.F.R. §§ 103.3(b), 110.20

Summary and Analysis of Case: The FECA prohibits foreign nationals from making contributions, donations, expenditures, independent expenditures or disbursements, directly or indirectly, in connection with a Federal, State, or local election. The Complainant alleges that candidates for local office in the Bellingham, Washington vicinity accepted contributions from foreign nationals.

Specifically, the complaint notes that Citizens for Bill Geyer (Geyer), advocating the election of William Geyer to the Bellingham City Council, accepted \$500 from Kent Properties, LLC (Kent LLC) on September 24, 2007. The complaint alleges that Kent is a business with an address in British Columbia, Canada.

The complaint goes on to allege that Crawford for Council (Crawford), advocating the re-election of Sam Crawford to the Whatcom County Council, accepted \$300 from Peter and Magdalene Watts, Canadian citizens. The complaint also alleges that Crawford accepted \$300 from Evergreen View Ventures (Evergreen), believed to be a Canadian company owned by Peter and Magdalene Watts.

The complaint also alleges that Pike for Mayor (Pike), advocating the election of Daniel Pike as Mayor of Bellingham, Washington, accepted a contribution in the amount of \$500 from the 10th and McKenzie Ltd. Partnership (McKenzie) on September 26, 2007. The complaint asserts that McKenzie is a Canadian partnership.

RECOMMENDATION:

1. Dismiss ADR 447 (MUR 5946), and close the file.
2. Approve the appropriate letters.